

Chapter 61. School Districts

Subchapter FF. Commissioner's Rules Concerning Veterans and Military Dependents

Division 1. High School Diplomas for Military Veterans

§61.1061. Application Form for Diploma and Evidence of Eligibility.

- (a) In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0251, a school district may issue a high school diploma to a person who:
 - (1) is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States;
 - (2) was scheduled to graduate from high school:
 - (A) after 1940 and before 1975; or
 - (B) after 1989; and
 - (3) left school after completing Grade 6 or higher, but before graduating from high school, to serve in:
 - (A) World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, or the war in Afghanistan; or
 - (B) any other war formally declared by the United States, military engagement authorized by the United States Congress, military engagement authorized by a United Nations Security

Division 2. Military-Connected Students**§61.1063. Purple Star Campus Designation.**

- (a) Purpose. In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §33.909, a campus may qualify to earn the Purple Star Designation if the campus meets criteria demonstrating supports and resources for its military-connected student population.
- (b) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this section, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
 - (1) Military-connected student--A student enrolled in a school district or an open-enrollment charter school who is a dependent of a current or former member of the United States military, Texas National Guard, or reserve force in the United States military or who was a dependent of a member of the United States military, Texas National Guard, or reserve force in the United States military who was killed in the line of duty.
 - (2) School liaison officer--An individual who works for the federal or state government and serves as the primary point of contact for school related matters on military installations. School liaison officers represent, inform, and assist commanding officers and military families with school issues; coordinate with local school systems; and create coll

- (i) military culture;
 - (ii) deployments and family separations;
 - (iii) the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children;
 - (iv) the TSDS PEIMS military student identifier;
 - (v) mitigating the effects of high mobility;
 - (vi) issues that address the physical and mental effects of military service, including post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other physical injuries;
 - (vii) supporting students connected to veterans;
 - (viii) supporting students with a parent or guardian in the national guard or reserve;
and
 - (ix) supporting students with a parent or guardian who has fallen in the line of duty.
- (2) Webpage. A campus must create and maintain an easily accessible webpage that includes the following information for military-connected students and their families.
- (A) Relocation. The military-connected student and family support webpage must include information regarding relocation to the campus such as introductions to school environment and processes, enrollment information in ex(f)-5.47 (d)-7-5.4 19 0 (n)-7 (e)-s0M (e)-4 (i)2.9 (

